

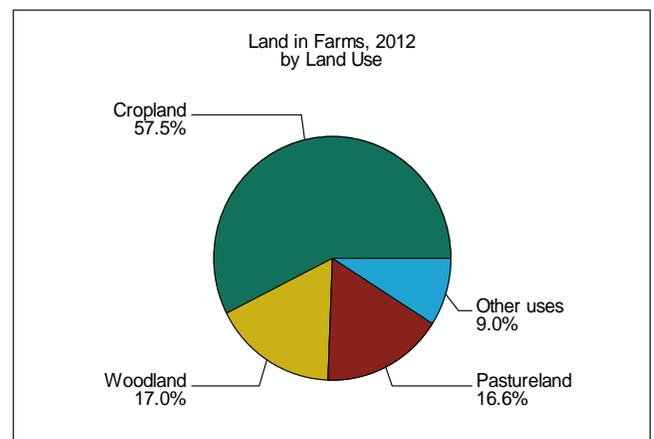
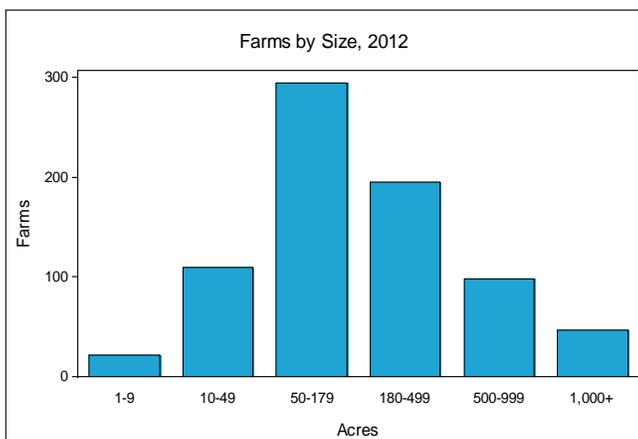
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Howard County Missouri

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	765	867	- 12
Land in Farms	243,420 acres	276,590 acres	- 12
Average Size of Farm	318 acres	319 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$47,778,000	\$45,061,000	+ 6
Crop Sales \$37,015,000 (77 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$10,763,000 (23 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$62,455	\$51,973	+ 20
Government Payments	\$3,553,000	\$3,596,000	- 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,022	\$6,635	+ 6





Howard County – Missouri

Ranked items among the 114 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	47,778	71	114	1,796	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	37,015	44	114	1,340	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,763	91	114	2,051	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	34,088	45	114	1,021	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	5	12	368	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	7	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	109	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	71	54	107	1,609	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	107	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	42	55	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,546	28	113	1,120	3,049
Poultry and eggs	219	41	113	1,214	3,013
Cattle and calves	9,816	83	114	1,328	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	96	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	72	109	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	230	22	110	724	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	37	114	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	9	79	114	2,279	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	49,873	50	111	605	2,162
Corn for grain	34,995	40	108	740	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,093	66	114	832	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	5,553	35	108	939	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	5,553	35	108	862	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,457	63	114	1,115	3,063
Pheasants	(D)	1	29	(D)	963
Quail	(D)	3	39	(D)	944
Sheep and lambs	3,705	1	109	233	2,897
Layers	1,024	78	113	1,850	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	221	Farming	280
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	485
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Male	679
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95	Female	86
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	68	Asian	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	60	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	White	1,116
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,557	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	58,244	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,975		
Average per farm (\$)	15,654		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.